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Educational Standards and Suggested Activities for Teachers

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Standards Spotlight: Sayings We Share

Mini Page activities meet many state and national educational standards. Each week we identify standards that relate to The Mini Page's content and offer activities that will help your students reach them.

This week's standard:

- Students demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships and nuances in word meanings. (English Language Arts: Vocabulary Acquisition and Use)

Activities:

1. Draw a picture that illustrates one of the sayings in today's Mini Page. Share the picture with friends.
2. Look through comic strips to find characters using sayings like those in The Mini Page. Make a list of the sayings. Then explain what each means.
3. Ask several friends and family members to tell you their favorite sayings or sayings that are popular in their families. Make a list of the sayings.
4. Check the newspaper over several days. Look for headlines that use common sayings. Explain how the saying relates to the newspaper story.
5. Select five sayings from today's Mini Page. Now find a newspaper picture of one object to represent each saying (like the picture of a bridge for "let's cross that bridge when we come to it"). Paste each picture on a card. Show the cards to friends and see if they can guess the saying the picture represents.

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